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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, please consider the following response.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121, stating that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In order to be completely responsive to the Examiner's requirement and to facilitate examination of this application, Applicant elects the invention of Species I (the rim surface of 04/07/2003 YP0LITE1 00000038 09808228

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